inter-alia, the State Governments (where there is no system of State advised price for sugarcane) to raise additional market borrowings to help the sugar factories to clear the arrears on account of cane price payments for the 2002-03 sugar season.

Projects undertaken by NEC

248. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the projects which NEC has decided to undertake for execution in the North-Eastern States under Non-Lapsable Pool during the Tenth Plan/current year, State-wise;

(b) the projects under Non-Lapsable Pool, which have to be executed in Tripura;

(c) whether funds have been placed for these projects;

(d) the number of projects of Tripura in which there is good progress (including the pending ones);

(e) the number of projects in which there is no progress at all (including the pending ones); and

(f) how does Government think in utilising the allotted funds, in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) NEC funds developmental projects in the North Eastern Region from the Plan Funds allocated to it under its Annual Plans by the Planning Commission. It does not finance projects under Non–Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

(b) to (f) Does not arise.

Restructuring of NEC

249. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to restructure NEC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount accrued in the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources till March, 2003; and